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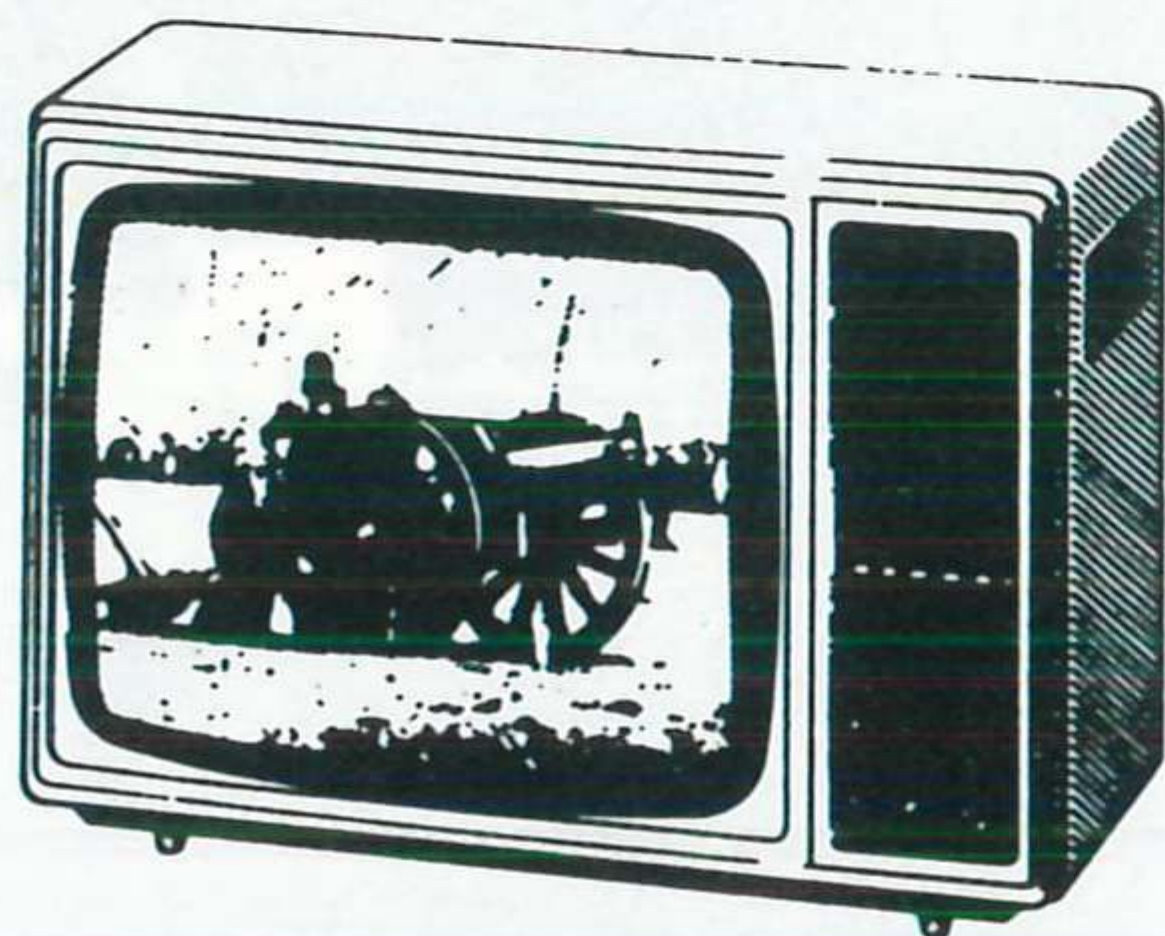
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JOHN MCGOVERN



Welcome to Burnden Park for today's game and may I wish you all a Happy New Year.

A festive and happy occasion such as this deserves a memorable game and who could ask for a better fixture than Bolton v Blackburn Rovers — a good old Lancashire derby?

Rovers, who have had a respectable run of late, are the envy of many clubs in that they play a system which involves the use of two wingers.

Unlike in the "good old days" many clubs find themselves with only one out and out winger and I believe that to be, in many cases, a distinct disadvantage.

There has been a scarcity of wingers in recent years yet I believe they are essential when you are trying to prise open defences who have become skilled at frustrating their opponents.

We are not as privileged as Rovers when it comes to having two wingers but we have one in Jeff Chandler who can rank with the best of them. And where we make up for only having one such "expert" is that the rest of the side is very attack-minded.

Every midfield player and attacking player who has been in the side of late has been well equipped to attack, create and score goals. I believe we have the right sort of blend of youth, experience, skill and pace to trouble any other team when we are playing at level par.

People have criticised Watford saying their use of the long ball is the only real asset of their game. But the way I look at it is if they didn't have the skill and talent of players like

Blissett, Barnes and Callaghan to cash in on the knock downs from Jenkins, then they would never be in such an elevated position in the First Division.

Just a quick note on our game at Blackburn in November — I reckon that if we can produce the excitement of the last 10 minutes of that game over 90 minutes this afternoon then everyone will go home well pleased.

Since it is New Year I would like to offer some friendly advice on a few New Years' resolutions.

My first is to all players — no dissension to referees (they need all the help they can get).

To all people employed in football — appreciate what a good job you are in.

To all sports writers — you should be banned from using quotes from players or managers in your reports on a scoreless draw.

Use you own imagination instead of getting someone to write your stories for you.

To all referees — use the advantage rule as much as possible.

And finally, to all supporters — you've been singing Christmas Carols so let's hear you continue singing on the terraces — you are sincerely appreciated.



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BLACKBURN CLIMB BACK QUICKLY

From Tony Pullein

Blackburn suddenly found their true form again in November and a run of six unbeaten games — including a stunning 5-1 win at Middlesbrough — saw them climb up the table quickly after it had seemed they might be in for a battle against relegation.

Whereas they have been scoring goals with satisfying regularity at Ewood Park — where they have achieved some very good results — Rovers had looked a vastly inferior side when playing away. Prior to that win at Middlesbrough, their only away victory had been against struggling Derby County in September.

Manager Bobby Sexton would not have been quite so worried about this dearth of away goals if he had gone out with the intention of packing his defence in an endeavour to obtain points from goalless draws. The problem is that the defence had also been conceding goals at quite an alarming rate — five at Grimsby, three at Fulham and Charlton.

This is how Blackburn's away results had gone as the holiday games approached: Wolves (1-2), Grimsby (0-5), Crystal Palace (0-2), Derby (2-1), Brentford (2-3 in the Milk Cup), Fulham (1-3), Charlton (0-3), Q.P.R. (2-2), Middlesbrough (5-1) and Shrewsbury (0-0).

Tactics have been varied between 4-4-2 and 4-3-3 though I expect we can anticipate the former this afternoon. Sometimes Mr Saxton has included three strikers — Kevin Stonehouse, Simon Garner and Norman Bell — but that seems unlikely today.

In recent weeks Stonehouse and Garner have been sharing the second forward position with the other taking the substitute's shirt.

The regular midfield players have been Ian Miller, Colin Randell, Noel Brotherston and David Hamilton.

Derek Fazackerley has been filling one of the central defensive positions with David Mail partnering him.

Jim Branagan and Michael Rathbone have been filling the full-back positions in front of goalkeeper Terry Gennoe.

Rovers took an early exit from the Milk Cup, going out 2-3 on aggregate to Third Division Brentford so, apart from the forthcoming F.A. Cup, their main

interest this season would appear to lie in doing well enough to keep clear of relegation.

This season's results have been the more disappointing because, in each of the past two campaigns, they had made a strong bid for promotion. After spending one season in the Third Division, Rovers returned to this section in 1980 and very nearly achieved further promotion at the first time of asking. Sadly, they stuttered a bit at the end, when it really mattered, and though they recovered to win their last two games they were pipped by Swansea City for the third promotion place — on goal difference.

Last season they looked a good bet until mid-March when things started to go wrong. They were in third place at the time but then a run of only one win in seven games left them far too much to do and they eventually finished tenth.

Blackburn Rovers FC was founded in 1875 and in 1888 they became one of the founder members of the Football League. They remained in the First Division until 1936, performing some outstanding feats that have never been beaten.

In 1886 they won the F.A. Cup for the third season in succession, thereby gaining a special trophy in recognition. Nobody has ever again won it three times in a row, though Spain could equal that this season.

They won F.A. Cup again in 1890 and 1891 but then had to wait until 1928 for their sixth, and final, success in this final. In addition to these successes, Blackburn Rovers were twice beaten in the final, the last occasion being in 1960.

Rovers won the League Championship in 1912 and 1914.

Following relegation in 1936 they remained only three seasons before reclaiming their First Division status. Then came the war and in 1947 they suffered the drop again. This time it took them ten years to win their way back again.

Their last spell of First Division play covered only seven years and relegation in 1966 marked the beginning of the most disastrous decline this club has ever suffered.

Since then they have endured two separate spells in the Third Division, the last ending in 1980 when they finished runners-up and won promotion back to Division Two.

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BACK ROW: Seldon Simms, Michael Bell, David Byrom, Vincent O'Keefe, Terry Gennoe, Michael Salmon, Mark Patterson, Paul Goody, Simon Barker.

CENTRE ROW: Tony Parkes (First Team Coach), Tony Long (Remedial Therapist), Derek Fazkackerley, Kevin Stonehouse, John Lowey, Paul Comstive, David Mail, Donal Murphy, Simon Garner, Jim Funnell (Reserve Team Manager).

FRONT ROW: Michael Rathbone, David Hamilton, Gary Butcher, Jim Branagan, John Howarth (Secretary), William Fox (Chairman), Bob Saxton (Manager), Norman Bell, Ian Miller, Marshall Burke, Noel Brotherston.

BLACKBURN PEN-PICTURES

TERRY GENNOE (Goalkeeper). Terry was signed from Southampton for £60,000 in 1981. During his early days with Bury, he was loaned to Blackburn but he went on to Halifax and later played for Southampton in the 1979 League Cup final.

JIM BRANAGAN (Defender). Jim began his career with Oldham and left to play in South Africa in 1977. He returned to join Huddersfield a year later and he was transferred to Blackburn in 1979.

DAVID BARTON (Defender). David joined Blackburn at the beginning of this season on loan from Newcastle. David made his League bow in 1977/78 and played more than 100 League games for Newcastle.

DAVID MAIL (Defender). David didn't get a chance in Aston Villa's League eleven so he moved on to Blackburn last January and made his League debut at Derby in September.

DEREK FAZACKERLEY (Defender). Derek served his apprenticeship at Ewood Park and first appeared in their League eleven in 1970/71. He celebrated his 400th Football League appearance last season.

MIKE RATHBONE (Defender). Mike made his early League appearances with Birmingham City and moved on to Blackburn in 1979, since when he has been the club's left-back for most of the time.

NOEL BROTHERSTON (Midfield). Noel has been capped 18 times by Northern Ireland. Once with

Spurs, he got only one League game there. He signed for Blackburn in 1977.

DAVID HAMILTON (Midfield/Defender). David was a reverse player at Sunderland. He signed for Rovers in 1980 and has played both in defence and midfield.

COLIN RANDELL (Midfield). Colin was signed from Plymouth for £40,000 this summer. He first joined Plymouth from Coventry in 1973 but moved on to Exeter in 1977. He rejoined Argyle in 1979.

IAN MILLER (Midfield). Ian began his career with Bury and served Nottingham Forest before establishing himself as a winger with Doncaster. Swindon signed him in 1978 and he remained in their first-team until his 1981 move to Blackburn.

JOHN LOWEY (Midfield). John, a one-time Manchester United apprentice, joined California Surfs and, from there, made his way to Sheffield Wednesday in 1978, and to Blackburn three years later.

SIMON GARNER (Forward). Simon's two goals against Carlisle made him top scorer with 10 goals. Top scorer in his first season (1978/79), Simon led the way again last term with 18.

NORMAN BELL (Forward). Norman was signed from Wolves for £70,000 last season. He made his League bow for the Moineux club in 1975/76 and completed almost 100 first-team games for Wolves.

KEVIN STONEHOUSE (Forward). Kevin was Blackburn's top scorer with 10 goals two seasons ago. He was signed from Shildon FC and made his League bow three seasons ago.

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CLUB NEWS

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

The Wanderers will be meeting Blackburn Rovers for the 116th time in the Football League today. To date the Wanderers lead the way with 49 victories to Rovers' 43.

The first 90 games between the Clubs took place in the first division with the first one outside the top league not coming until March, 1967, when Rovers won 1-0 at Burnden. In fact Bolton were then going through their worst ever spell of results against Rovers, failing to score in six consecutive league games and conceding five goals on two occasions and also another five in a League Cup tie.

A more recent look at the form book shows the Wanderers to have more than gained revenge for those earlier defeats, especially at Ewood Park. In the last nine visits only one has ended in defeat, that being on the opening day of the 1976/77 season by 3-1.

Earlier this season the Wanderers earned a point in a 1-1 draw at Ewood. Jeff Chandler giving them a well deserved lead before Kevin Stonehouse equalised from the penalty spot after Norman Bell was adjudged to have been fouled.

Last season a 2-2 draw resulted at Burnden with Chris Thompson and Tony Henry on the mark for the Wanderers and Kevin Arnott and Kevin Stonehouse with a penalty for Rovers. The crowd of 16,577 being the best attendance of the season.

In the League Cup we have been drawn together on two occasions with both clubs winning one game each. Blackburn winning 5-1 in 1964-65 and Bolton 1-0 in 1970-71, with both games being played in the second round stage at Burnden.

In the FA Cup Blackburn defeated the Wanderers in 1882, this being Bolton's first ever season in the competition, Rovers earned victory in a 2nd round tie by 6-2. They have also won ties in 1936 and 1961. Bolton gaining ample revenge in 1929, 1946 and 1958. In fact the Wanderers won the cup twice and reached the semi-final after defeating Rovers so it would seem that a cup victory over our local rivals signals a good run in the competition.

FLASHBACK

15 years ago. 30th December, 1967. The Wanderers completed a Christmas double over Middlesbrough with a 2-1 win at Ayresome Park. Warwick Rimmer and an own goal from Horner won the points before a crowd of 29,217 which was the largest League attendance that the Wanderers played in front of that season.

6th January, 1967. An unchanged Bolton team for the fifth consecutive game continued a run of impressive results with a 1-1 draw at Huddersfield, Freddie Hill notching his second League goal of the season.

10 years ago. 30th December, 1972. Notts County were the visitors to Burnden and went away with a point in a 2-2 draw. The Wanderers had taken a 2-0 half time lead with John Byrom and Stuart Lee getting the goals. County who were lying in 16th position hit back with goals from Brian Stubbs and Les Bradd to start their rapid rise up the table.

6th January, 1973. Bolton visited Oldham in a top of the table clash and went down to their sixth defeat of the season by 2-0.

The crowd of 19,745 which was swelled by the cancellation of Manchester City's game with Chelsea proved to be the highest league attendance of the season that the Wanderers played in front of away from home.

5 years ago. 31st December, 1977. The Wanderers went down to their fourth league defeat of the season by 1-0 at Millwall. This meant that all the defeats to date had been sustained in London. Mike Walsh and John Ritson came into the side in place of the injured Tony Dunne and Paul Jones.

6,720 saw Ian Pearson score the winning goal.

2nd January, 1978. Burnley inflicted Wanderers' first home league defeat of the season with a 2-1 win. Neil Whatmore scored the Wanderers' goal in an unchanged side with Burnley's

two goals coming from Ian Brennan who was later to join Bolton.

Burnley at the time were on the bottom of the 2nd division but the result was the turning point in their form as they reached mid-table safety by the end of the season.

'A' TEAM NEWS

Wanderers 'A' team have certainly been banging in the goals in the Lancashire League at Bromwich Street with a staggering goal difference of 19-2 from the last 5 games.

Manchester United 'A' were defeated 5-0 in a rather one-sided match, the highlight being well taken goals from Veron Allatt and Jeff Chandler. This was in fact Allatt's last competitive game for the Wanderers before re-signing for Halifax Town.

Liverpool 'A' were the next visitors and returned home with a 6-0 thrashing. The Anfield boys rarely crossed the half-way line let alone manage to get in a worthwhile attempt on goal with Simon Farnworth being a constant spectator.

Ray Deakin made a name for himself as a goalscorer, by notching a hat-trick, his last two goals being long range shots struck with tremendous power and accuracy. The Wanderers went one better against Formby Reserves the following week running out 7-0 winners. As expected the game turned out to be a rather one sided affair with Bolton fielding five members of the first team squad, axed after the previous week's defeat by Shrewsbury Town. Ian Moores equalled Deakin's feat in scoring a hat-trick, his last goal coming from the penalty spot and a couple each from Neil Radfearn and Warren Joyce ended a miserable day for the Merseysiders.

A dour goalless draw resulted against Runcorn Reserves with the game being a much closer affair than in previous weeks.

Wanderers keepers Simon Farnworth in the first half and his replacement Eddie Enwright in the second were both responsible for pulling off several good saves.

The second defeat of the season was sustained when Everton 'A' completed the double over Wanderers with a 2-1 win.

HEANEY BLOW

Former Wanderers player Ron Heaney has unfortunately had to retire from Rugby League due to a knee injury.

He left Burnden to join Wigan and a new career in Rugby League before being transferred to Salford who are leading the second division at this present time.

Roy didn't actually make a Football League appearance for Bolton, his only first team experience being when he came on as substitute against Dutch side Haarlem in November, 1980.

JUNIOR WHITES NEWS

Today's mascot is Dean Simpson of Bradford Road, Farnworth. Dean is 7-years-old and attends St. Peters and Pauls School in Bolton. He is an all round footballer who can play either forward or in goal.

A warm welcome also to Blackburn Rovers mascot today who was unfortunately unnamed at the time of writing.

SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Thanks must go to Paul Jones and Gerry McElhinney for being present at the supporters get together before Christmas.

Paul was presented with a tankard for becoming the associations president in place of Peter Nicholson who is now playing for Rochdale.

A cheque for £500, being the amount raised during the past year was presented to Vice Chairman, Mr Riley, which he accepted on behalf of the club.

Lastly, medals were awarded to all the members who ran from Burnden to Ewood in November.

We welcome Rovers supporters who have done the same 'trek' over the moors to be here today. They are Liz Shand, Micheala Shand, Heidi Shand, Kersty Shand, Tony Shand, Kath Holdsworth, Anne McLean and Sarah McLean. We hope their feet aren't too sore.

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The current agitation for a Super League, as opposed to a reconstruction of the Football League is guaranteed to bring wry smiles to the faces of Reg Brealey, the Chairman of Sheffield United and Ron Noades, Chairman of Second Division Crystal Palace.

True Sheffield United were sculking around the backwaters of the Fourth Division last season, but they won the Championship and are now seeking further progress following a decade of turmoil. But while playing standards reached an all-time low, the progression of the club in terms of facilities and development has hit an all-time high, and if as many people believe, admission to the so-called Super League were to be decided by facilities and potential, then Sheffield United and Crystal Palace, could make a strong case for inclusion.

Brealey and Noades are both among the newer group of Football League Club chairmen in terms of years in office. But while they are signposting the way to League soccer in the nineties, they have every intention of getting there before the end of the eighties.

Already their stadiums at Bramall Lane, which is ideally situated just a dozen or so goal-kicks from Sheffield's city centre, and at Selhurst Park in south-east London, have been transformed into modern impressive complexes with facilities to provide revenue seven days a week.

Both men share the same vision. They want their grounds to become

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the place where the entire family can spend the whole of the day; where the car can be parked, the shopping done, a meal enjoyed, the match watched and the evening spent either having a quiet drink or a disco dance.

Sheffield United's dream is a £15 million plan, worked out with the local authority, that will give Sheffield a multi-sports complex, an athletics track, a shopping centre, a hotel development and a community centre, which the Blades management hope will make Bramall Lane the centre of Yorkshire sport.

Chairman Brealey says: "Sheffield United celebrate their centenary in 1989. It would be marvellous if most of our plans were completed by then.

"But already we have some of the most modern facilities in Britain. Our new main stand not only houses all the different departments and sections required in the playing and administrative areas of the club, but we have an executive suite which can hold up to 800 people and can

be sub-divided to accommodate almost any activity from big conferences to small quiz nights.

"Yes, we have thought big, but why not? Sheffield United Football Club is a vital social service in the local community."

Palace Chairman Noades agrees. "Our thinking", he says, "is geared to making people want to come to Selhurst Park in comfort and feel a part of the place. A football ground shouldn't die between matches."

Noades, at Palace, is mid-way through an ambitious scheme with a national grocery chain. The shopping area will be completed next year, but already the plan has provided a paved car park for around 500 vehicles.

There are now four function rooms at Selhurst Park, and when modernisation of their Glaziers' Club is completed, it will include a bank of snooker tables. The arrangement with the national grocery chain also gives Palace three shops which they can let.

Meanwhile Noades is toying with an idea that could bring supporters from their local pubs by coach and take them back there after the game, so avoiding the problem of driving.

League football has always been in the process of change. The current generation is no exception. Thirty years ago when attendances were at their false peak, League football derived 95% of its income through the turnstiles. From a business point of view the game can still be viable, as Brealey and Noades are out to prove as they put their splendid new houses in order.

The new stand at Bramall Lane provides every facility.



BRADLEY'S BRIEF

Ray Bradley of the
'Sunday Express'
writes for you



In a media which gives extravagant praise to egocentrics and precious little exposure to the less talkative, it was a refreshing duty to recently record the 500th League appearance of Brian Horton at Soccer's most famous shrine — Anfield.

It was a memorable milestone for the 33-year-old Luton skipper who has acted as anchor man, midfield driver and inspiration to a team still striving for recognition on their return to the First Division.

It was appropriate that Horton should celebrate this landmark at Liverpool, a club that stands for integrity and all that is best in British football, but the enthusiasm of Luton's captain would have been undiminished even if he was playing against the lowest team in the Fourth Division.

For Horton is that rarity; an honest professional who gives 100 per cent effort to the common cause — week in and week out. No manager he has ever served under will deny that, nor will any opponent who has faced him on the field of combat.

The bearded Horton has proved an inspired signing for Luton boss David Pleat and skippered them to promotion in his first season at Kenilworth Road — a feat he also achieved at his previous club

Brighton.

But the sweet smell of success has come late for a player who has suffered more than his fair share of disappointments in a 16-year career that has spanned all four divisions plus a four year spell in non-league football.

He is a player who has fought his way to the top and his career serves as a splendid example to any doubting youngster who may have lost faith in ambition or suffered the humiliation of being told he wasn't going to make the grade.

At 15 Horton joined Walsall as a starry-eyed schoolboy apprentice. Barely two years later he was thrown on the soccer scrapheap after being told: "You'll never make it. Forget football and find yourself another job".

Reflects Horton: "It was a really bitter moment for me. Those words stuck in my memory for years. But a professional has to be positive and accept the situation.

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"Luckily, I was never under any illusions about football. Perhaps, it even acted as a spur. I went out of League soccer and took up a job in the building trade. But I still loved the game and was determined to prove a few people wrong.

"So I joined Hednesford — my

local club — and played with them for four seasons before Gordon Lee gave me a second chance at Port Vale. I shall always be grateful to Gordon for that opportunity."

That Walsall snub may have proved a blessing in disguise for Horton, a genuine midfield battler who went on to chalk up 232 League appearances for Vale before Peter Taylor signed him for Brighton and rescued him from comparative obscurity.

Plenty of managers had recognised his natural qualities of leadership, but at 27, few were ready to risk their reputations in a transfer market that was slavishly devoted to big name signings at exorbitant fees.

But Brighton never regretted the £30,000 they invested and Horton proved to be one of their best ever signings.

When Horton left Brighton — much to the dismay of the fans after leading them to promotion — Luton got a real bargain and David Pleat knows it. Pleat waited patiently for his man but was quick to pounce after selling Paddy Grealish to the South Coast club.

The Horton magic was quickly in evidence at Kenilworth Road both as a midfield motivator and a captain who can inspire by sheer example. Like Billy Bonds and Steve Perryman, he has the happy knack of getting the best out of his colleagues plus the ability to work in perfect partnership with his manager.

Chelsea manager John Neal made no secret of his admiration for the man who led Luton back to the First Division when he said: "A player like Horton is worth his weight in gold to any manager. He is the perfect professional, both on and off the field."

Horton is already tipped as made-to-measure managerial material and looks set for a top job when he quits playing. But he stresses: "I

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Luton fans will heartily endorse that view.

THE DERBY AND JONAH CLUB

Oh what a tangled web they weave at Derby. A web of secrecy, deception and double dealing that is a disgrace to soccer.

It came as no shock to anyone in the game when John Newman became the sixth manager to get the bullet in nine years at a club that seems to court controversy ever since the departure of Brian Clough in 1973.

It came as little surprise when Peter Taylor was named as Newman's successor after the path had been cleared by new chairman Mike Watterson, the Mr Big of Snooker.

For those who have missed the scenario, Mr. Taylor was Clough's assistant at Derby and Forest before "retiring" from football last season.

Now anyone who has not been living down a Nottingham coalmine for the last nine years knows that the shadow of Clough and Taylor towered over all the intrigue that has enshrouded the Baseball Ground like an eerie fog.

It has been a cross that Dave Mackay, Colin Murphy, Tommy Docherty, Colin Addison and the likeable Newman have carried with commendable dignity despite the smoke signals from "down the road".

Even the timing of Newman's departure was ironic, just 12 minutes after Derby had lost to Forest in a reserve match. But Newman, a quiet man who is not given to outrageous declarations of intent, left the club who had summarily dispensed with his services with characteristic dignity.

There was not the same sort of dignity in evidence when Mr. Taylor stepped out of the shadows and arrived hot foot on the sordid scene. There was talk of the club being 'raped', 'mugged' and 'bugged' as directors scattered for the trenches where there are few dissenters.

Clough was shouting from the Forest rooftops that he was on the point of joining Taylor too, but was restrained by the loyalty of Trent End supporters.

Forest chairman Geoffrey Macpherson then stepped into the bloody beaches and branded Clough "A volcano like Vesuvius," in reply to the assertion that the

Forest board had not yet rubber stamped Clough's new contract.

Meanwhile, up at Bradford, there were also rumblings of flak being fired in Derby's direction as chairman Bob Martin hit out at persistent rumours that player-manager Roy McFarland would be returning to the Baseball Ground as Taylor's No 2.

When the smoke had cleared we heard that reinforcements were being recruited from the Petrified Forest to aid the new Derby cause under Taylor.

Justin Fashanu, Forest's England Under-21 striker who cost a mere £1 million, was being offered to Taylor

on a loan basis and Clough coughed in indignation when Fashanu turned down the move. But other players were being freely offered from a club that had previously been a deadly rival.

Well, I suspect, Clough and Taylor will eventually get their way and Derby will become a Forest satellite and the cloak and dagger intrigue will produce volumes of emotive words for an attendant Press who are only too delighted to join in the savage destruction of a once great club.

I only feel sorry for John Newman. He was snookered from the start.

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SUPER SKILLS AWARDS

by Colin Benson

England's failure to keep abreast of the development of football in the rest of the world was eventually realised and accepted by the officials of our governing body when we failed to qualify for the Finals of the 1974 World Cup in West Germany and the following series in Argentina four years later.

It takes some time for the shock waves to penetrate the inner bastions of Lancaster Gate and in some respects they are quite powerless to do anything about it anyway, but the truth was that our top professional players were simply not good enough.

At first sight it seemed that the accusing finger should be pointed squarely in the direction of our 92 Football League clubs who had developed a generation of huff and puff merchants, quite willing to run to the ends of the earth for their masters, but quite lacking in skill, technique and the guile to outwit opponents.

To some extent they must be held responsible but like most problems the demise of the English game did not hinge on one failure but many.

Just as to why the country which had given the modern game to the world should find itself labelled as third-class citizens could probably be traced back to a combination of the old amateur philosophies of the game, which still prevail very much so in the dusty corridors of officialdom, if not on the playing fields, and our own national characteristic of

believing British is always best, period.

It can only be best if you work hard to make it the best and one of our undoubted failings is our insularity to the rest of the world. Why should we bother with developments in West Germany, Italy or Brazil for isn't the Football League the strongest and best competition in the world.

Well that is a matter of opinion and one that has been fostered through a basic lack of knowledge about our competitors. It is true that ours is probably the most competitive league competition in the game but as to why that should relieve clubs of their obligations to provide quality and insist that their players train, practice and work at their basic skills is quite beyond my comprehension.

The great Pele used to spend hours polishing up just one simple technique so for us to assume it unnecessary with players of a lesser ilk is quite mystifying. This is certainly an area which needs to be appraised by our football overlords.

TABOO

Of course the internal workings of individual clubs is outside the jurisdiction of the Football Association who realised that the root of the problem lay much deeper. The claim by many top managers that there just isn't any quantity, never mind quality, youngsters coming through from schoolboy football is relevant.

It might seem a contradiction in terms but our schoolboys are playing too much football

and thus not receiving the instruction and coaching that they need when very young.

Unlike on the continent our professional coaches are seen as taboo by those responsible for the welfare of schoolboy footballers and it is virtually impossible for youngsters of seven and eight to acquire the expertise and instruction their counterparts in Europe enjoy.

Instead they are thrown into competitive games against other schools, almost made to fend for themselves and rely on their own natural physical resources.

Realising this and that the majority of schoolboys receive little if any qualified coaching on skills, the Football Association devised their admirable Super Skills Awards Scheme.

It was launched four years ago with the backing of Coca Cola and is intended to encourage youngsters to work at and improve their basic skills such as kicking, trapping, heading, passing and shooting.

Ron Greenwood, an avant-garde of the finer points of the English game enthused: "Football is such a beautifully simple game. All you need is a ball, a few friends and there'll be a game going at the drop of a couple of jackets to act as goals.

"If it were as easy to get players to practise the basic skills the game would be a lot better for it.

"That's why I whole-heartedly welcomed the Super Skills Award Scheme."

EDUCATION TO BLAME

So did most forward thinking people with the interest of English football at heart. The Super Skills Awards Scheme offered teachers at schools a simple and basic formula to introduce into their games lessons. It was not intended to replace existing procedures just supplement them and for those teachers not qualified to instruct on football — and believe me there are far too many — it provided an easy to supervise, yet rewarding sequence of practices.

There was simply no excuse for a lack of coaching ability. Under this scheme the rudimentary elements of the game could be taught by anyone. And yet our schools have shunned the initiative shown by the F.A., spurned the opportunity to teach properly the game of football.

There are some 30,000 schools registered in England and 13,000 of them are affiliated to the English Schools Football Association, yet only 3,000 are regular participants in the Super Skills Awards Scheme. And when the F.A. launched another drive recently to try and entice the missing thousands to take up the challenge, they received only 150 replies requesting further information.

This situation is nothing short of criminal. Every Education Authority in the country should make the Super Skills Awards Scheme a mandatory item of their games curriculum.

If the Education authorities are going to

continue to insist that they control football education then they should be compelled to do it properly. Otherwise they should relinquish their stranglehold on the youth of the country and allow professional clubs to handle children from the age of seven upwards.

Until this happens we will never produce players with the technique to rival our international peers. There can be no substitute for basics, they are the foundation of any enterprise and must be mastered if the participants are to achieve any degree of mastery.

As an added bonus pupils have been encouraged to enter the new Singles Competition which is open to any individual, male or female, who has achieved any of the five Super Skills Awards.

The Super Skills Singles Competition culminates with the finalists battling it out at Wembley stadium prior to the Football League Cup Final in March, a glamorous and exciting finale to show off their skills.

APATHY

It is all part of the fun game which teaches skill in a painless and rewarding way and is designed to encourage schools to become involved.

The kids love it, and the exercises are fundamental to the sport and what is more, Super Skills has the advantage of requiring a basic minimum of equipment, and simple non-permanent markings which can easily be laid out in a school playground.

So why is there so much apathy shown towards this scheme? One school sports master told me his school would not contemplate using it because it was expensive for the boys and some simply would not be able to afford it.

So what is this staggering financial burden? Well the Test Booklet costs 25p, the players own record card 10p and if he passes the test it will cost a further 80p for a badge.

For the grand total of £1.15, and let's face it not everyone needs the booklet and the record cards could be produced by the boys themselves, pupils could be given worthwhile instruction.

Most parents would be pleased to finance their children anyway and for those with difficulties I am sure the education authorities could divert some of the money they splash out on hiring coaches to take pupils to play matches . . . Good teaching at the grass-root level is essential to the game.

From November 1978, when Super Skills was first introduced, to November 1982, the Football Association have issued just 165,118 Awards, 89,873 of which were the first stage Blue Awards and only 5,668 Gold Awards. To say the response has been poor is treating it lightly.

It is time that every parent with the interests of their child's football education at heart demanded that their schools provide the necessary instruction. They owe it to their children and if they are interested in football, then to the game as well.

England and Liverpool defender Phil Neal watches his son Ashley attend a Super Skills session organised by The Merseyside Youth Association last summer. (photo courtesy The Formby Times).



Rush-The Goal

The slim, almost bean-like features of the black haired Ian Rush belies the insatiable appetite this quietly spoken Welshman from Flint has for scoring goals.

In November the Liverpool striker rushed to the top of the First Division strikers chart with seven goals in two consecutive games when he scored four times in the 5-0 defeat of Everton at Goodison Park and three times against Coventry City.

Almost overnight the Welsh international had become a legend on Merseyside, chasing Jack Balmer's 36-year-old record of three successive hat-tricks, scored in Liverpool's Championship winning season of 1946/47. On this occasion however Ian missed out at Meadow Lane, where Liverpool won 2-1, but he failed to get on the score sheet.

Ironically ten months previously, the young Welsh striker had celebrated his first Liverpool hat-trick in a 4-0 victory over Notts County, on that very ground.

In some respects the 21-year-old Liverpool striker does not conform to the established concept of great goalscoring centre-forwards. Indeed the only similarity between Ian and the giants of the past like Dixie Dean, Tommy Lawton, Nat Lofthouse, John Charles and Joe Royle is the fact that he wears a number nine shirt.

Speed rather than strength is the weapon that Rush uses to open up defences and although he has scored some 47 goals in little more than a year for Liverpool, only one was scored with his head.

"I'm not particularly big, so there is little likelihood of me outjumping big central defenders," he reasons although this does not deter him from trying to get flick headers in the box which can prove very productive for his team mates.

"I feel that I am much more effective playing wide on the flanks," says Ian who has been scoring goals since he was knee high to a Liver bird. "Yes ever since I started playing football at school I have always been a goalscorer."

HARDER WITH WALES

"Most of them are scored because I am in the right place at the right time and if you look back through my record you will see that the majority of my goals are from close range."

"I don't think about it, everything is more or less spontaneous, but as far as I am concerned the main thing is

my acceleration over the first four or five yards and my ability to read the game. I am continually looking for space to drift into without being too obvious.

"But what really makes it work is the service I receive from people like Graeme Souness, Alan Hansen and Kenny Dalglish. They are so precise with their passing. I don't have to go chasing after the ball all the time and that makes my job much easier."

Unfortunately Ian cannot avail himself of the same service when he replaces the red of Liverpool for the red of Wales and that is probably why he has not hit the international goal standard as dramatically as he has the league.

"International football is a bit different and I haven't really established myself in the Welsh team yet and that is what I want to do now," explains the Anfield goal ace.

"It is much different. With man to man marking and playing with players that you are not used to. We are only together for a few days so the understanding on the field is not as good as at club level, in fact I have only ever seen some of the players on the TV before."

"When I first played for Wales I was used in the centre of the attack and that took some getting used to because I usually play on the left for Liverpool and all these little things make it a little harder to perform to your best."

"In the European Championship we have a couple of hard hurdles to overcome with Yugoslavia and Bulgaria but the Welsh team has some very good players and if we can get it right on the night then there is no reason why we can't go further."

"It is a tremendous honour to play for your country and the whole atmosphere surrounding international football makes it very exciting, I only hope that I can start scoring a few goals at this level."

GOAL RUSH

But Rush isn't crossing any bridges. He smiles: "I'm not setting myself any targets, luck plays such an important part in this game."

His rise to prominence this season shows the tremendous foresight of Liverpool manager Bob Paisley who splashed out £300,000 for the virtually unknown striker after he had played just 34 League games for Chester. Mind you he had scored 14 goals and Paisley was obviously impressed.

That was in May 1980 and for the following season Ian Rush played mostly in the Liverpool Reserves. He did get seven League outings nonetheless, his debut coming on December 13, 1980 at Portman Road, where Liverpool were held to a 1-1 draw by Ipswich.

He then had to wait till the following April for his next League outing and played in six of the last eight games of the season. But Ian found scoring difficult in the First Division and completed his baptism without scoring a single goal.

Last season proved completely different and Ian Rush blazed a trail of glory as he proved himself one of the deadliest marksmen in the competition. Indeed so prolific was he that he finished the season with some 30 goals to his name and it was little wonder that he was neck-and-neck with clubmate Ronnie Whelan for the 'Young Player of the Year' award.

The two of them were out on their own and as it happens Ian was just pipped at the post, but it showed that his ability had been noticed in other circles besides Liverpool.

He collected a League Championship medal and would dearly love to add a European Cup winners medal to his growing collection which, if form is a true guide, will be increased substantially this season.

Yes Liverpool's golden goal shooter should be around for a long time to come and as usual he will take everything in his stride.

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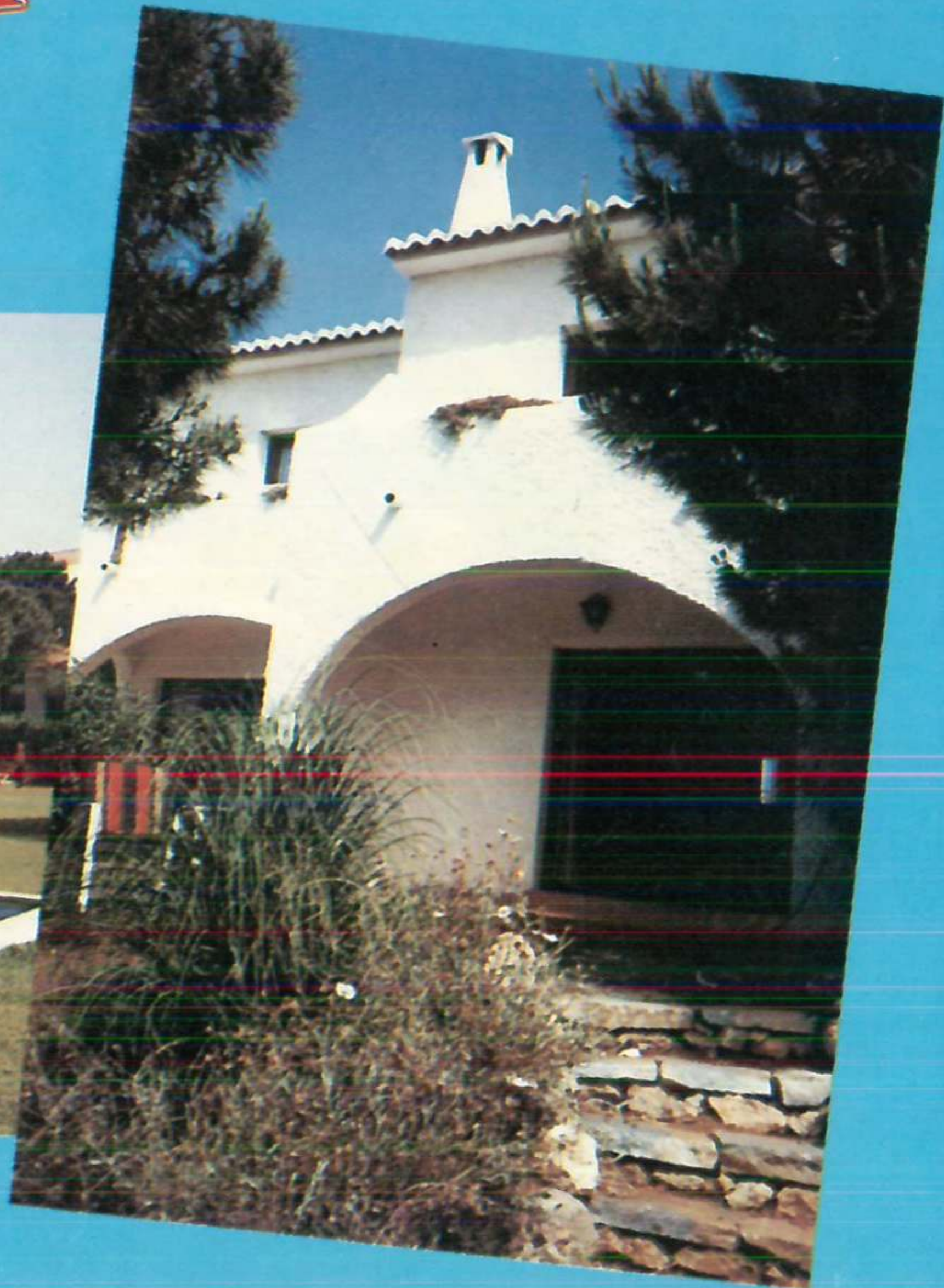
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division 2	Home	Away
Blackburn	4-2	1-0
Blackpool	2-1	2-0
Brighton	1-1	2-1
Bristol Rovers	3-0	1-0
Burnley	1-2	1-0
Cardiff	6-3	0-1
Charlton	2-1	1-2
Crystal Palace	2-0	1-2
Fulham	0-0	0-2
Hull	1-0	0-0
Luton	2-1	1-2
Mansfield	2-0	1-0
Millwall	2-1	0-1
Notts County	2-0	1-1
Oldham	1-0	2-2
Orient	2-0	1-1
Sheffield Utd.	2-1	5-1
Southampton	0-0	2-2
Stoke	1-1	0-0
Sunderland	2-0	2-0
Tottenham	1-0	0-1

F.A. CUP

Rd. 3 — Tottenham	(a) 2-2 (h) 2-1
Rd. 4 — Mansfield	(h) 1-0
Rd. 5 — Middlesbrough	(a) 0-2

LEAGUE CUP

Rd. 2 — Lincoln	(h) 1-0
Rd. 3 — Peterborough	(h) 3-1
Rd. 4 — Leeds	(h) 1-3

LEAGUE GOALSCORERS:

Whatmore	19	Worthington	11
Reid	9	Greaves	7
Jones, P.	4	Morgan	4
Nicholson	1	Ritson	1
Waldron	1	Walsh	1
Opponents	1		

LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Allardyce, S.	41	Clements, D.	1
Dunne, T.	32	Gowling, A.	6(2)
Graham, M.	—(1)	Greaves, R.	40
Jones, G.	6	Jones, P.	19(2)
McDonough, J.	42	Morgan, W.	41
Nicholson, P.	21(2)	Reid, P.	38
Ritson, J.	19	Taylor, S.	1
Train, R.	31	Thompson, P.	2(1)
Waldron, A.	6(1)	Walsh, M.	40(1)
Whatmore, N.	42	Worthington, F.	34(1)

FINAL TABLE (Season 1977/78)

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton W.	42	24	10	8	63	33	58
Southampton	42	22	13	7	70	39	57
Tottenham H.	42	20	16	6	83	49	56
Brighton & H.A.	42	22	12	8	63	38	56
Blackburn R.	42	16	13	13	56	60	45
Sunderland	42	14	16	12	67	59	44
Stoke City	42	16	10	16	53	49	42
Oldham Athletic	42	13	16	13	54	58	42
Crystal Palace	42	13	15	14	50	47	41
Fulham	42	14	13	15	49	49	41
Burnley	42	15	10	17	56	64	40
Sheffield Utd.	42	16	8	18	62	73	40
Luton Town	42	14	10	18	54	52	38
Orient	42	10	18	14	43	49	38
Notts County	42	11	16	15	54	62	38
Millwall	42	12	14	16	49	57	38
Charlton Ath.	42	13	12	17	55	68	38
Bristol Rovers	42	13	12	17	61	77	38
Cardiff City	42	13	12	17	51	71	38
Blackpool	42	12	13	17	59	60	37
Mansfield T.	42	10	11	21	49	69	31
Hull City	42	8	12	22	34	52	28

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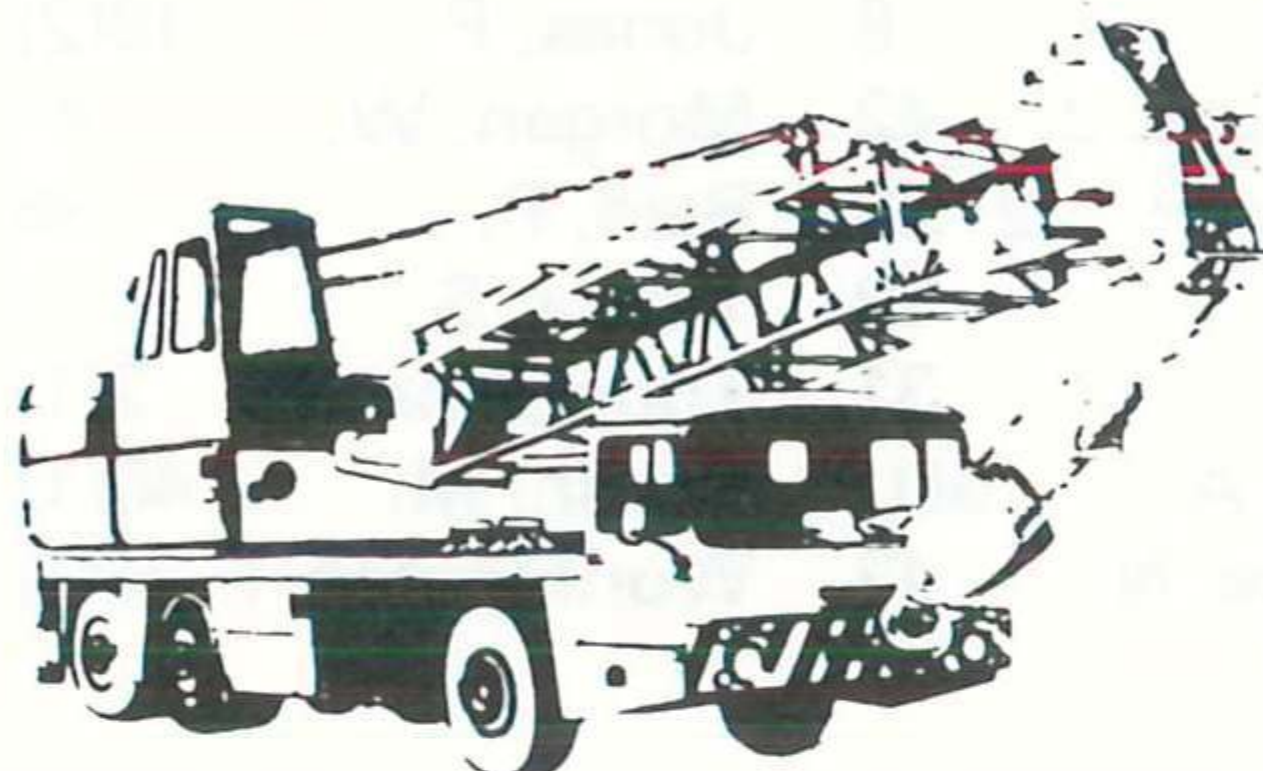


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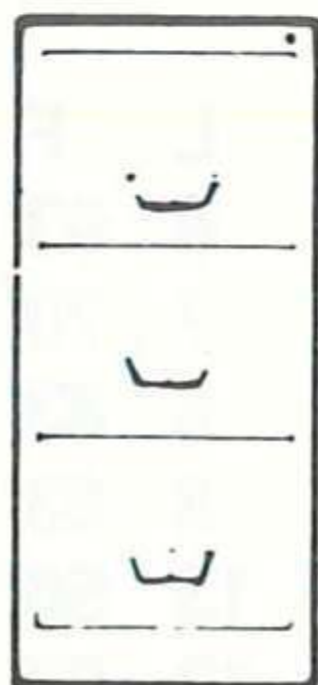
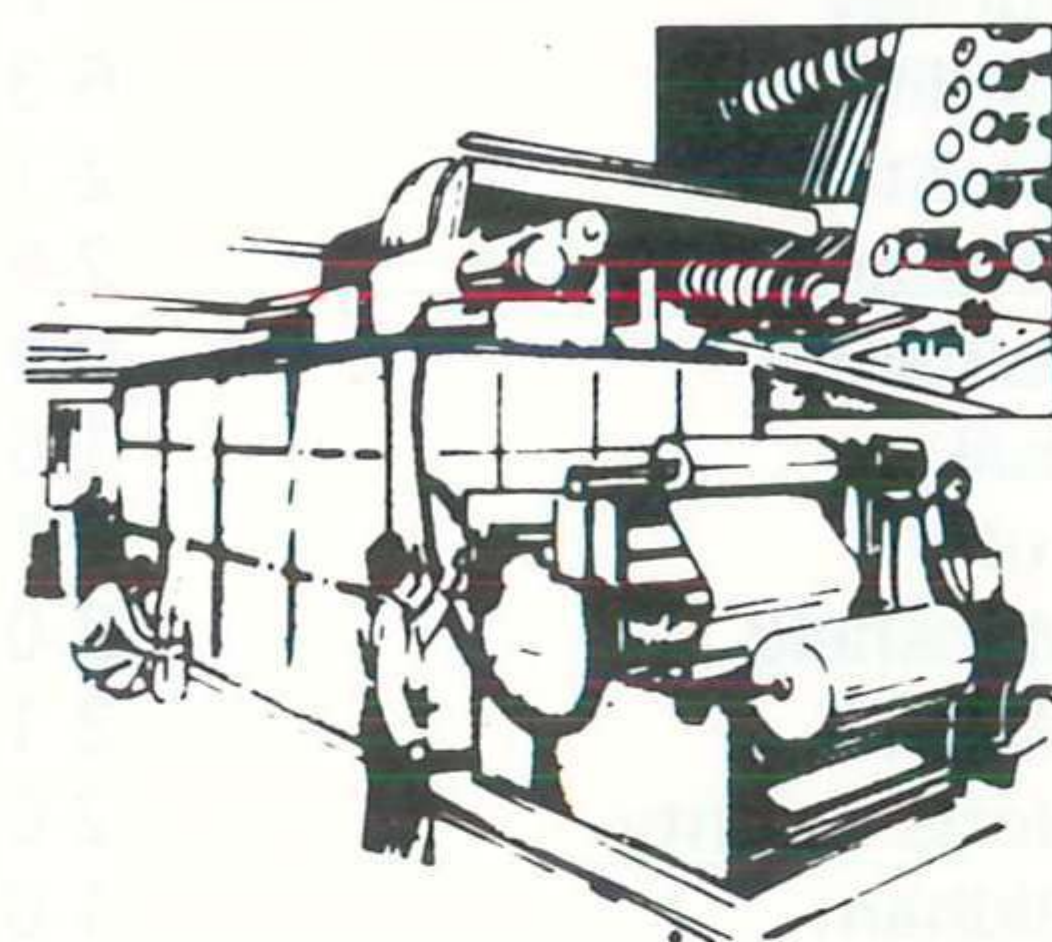


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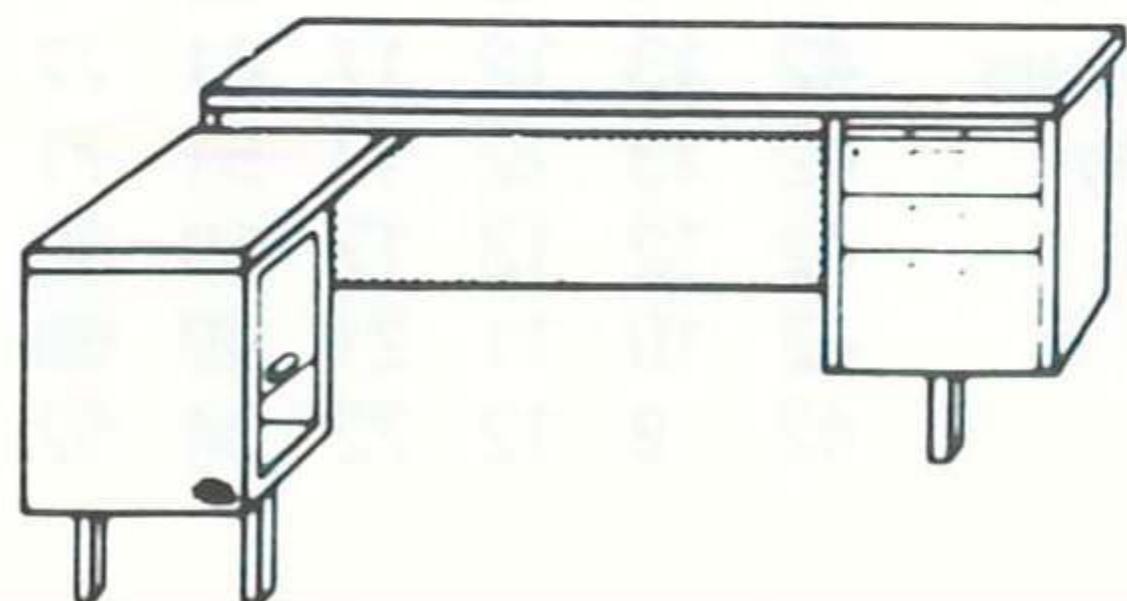
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1982	Opponents	Score	Att
Aug 28	Burnley	0-0	10,607
31	Carlisle United (MC.1)	3-3	4,314
Sept 4	Newcastle United	3-1	17,738
7	Sheffield Wednesday	1-3	17,307
11	Fulham	0-4	5,688
14	Carlisle United (MC.2)	4-0	4,039
18	Wolverhampton W.	0-1	9,264
25	Grimsby Town	0-1	7,583
28	Oldham Athletic	2-3	5,605
Oct 2	Crystal Palace	1-0	5,804
5	Watford	1-2	5,664
9	Rotherham United	2-2	6,577
16	Middlesbrough	0-1	5,529
23	Barnsley	0-2	7,339
26	Watford (MC.3)	1-2	11,520
30	Queens Park Rangers	0-1	9,363
Nov 6	Shrewsbury Town	1-4	4,879
13	Derby County	0-0	10,999
20	Blackburn R.	1-1	7,428
27	Leicester City	3-1	5,060
Dec 4	Cambridge United	0-0	2,622
11	Charlton Athletic	4-1	5,645
18	Chelsea	1-2	6,903
27	Carlisle United		
28	Leeds United		
Jan 1	Blackburn Rovers		
3	Newcastle United		
8	Arsenal FA Cup 3		
15	Burnley		
22	Oldham Athletic		
29	FA Cup 4		
Feb 5	Fulham		
12	Crystal Palace		
19	Rotherham United		
26	Middlesbrough		
Mar 5	Barnsley		
12	Queens Park Rangers		
19	Shrewsbury Town		
26	Derby County		
Apr 2	Leeds United		
5	Carlisle United		
9	Sheffield Wednesday		
16	Wolverhampton W.		
23	Cambridge United		
30	Leicester City		
May 2	Grimsby Town		
May 7	Chelsea		
14	Charlton Athletic		
21	FA Cup Final		

NEXT HOME GAME

BURNLEY

15th JANUARY

● Player substituted



LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday, 18th December, 1982)

	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS			Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	F	A	
Queens Park Rangers	20	7	2	1	21	8	5	2	3	10	9	40		
Wolverhampton W.	19	8	0	2	26	9	3	4	2	10	10	37		
Fulham	19	6	2	1	18	10	5	1	4	23	17	36		
Sheffield Wednesday	19	5	4	1	18	10	4	1	4	14	12	32		
Grimsby Town	19	6	2	2	19	11	3	1	5	11	20	30		
Leicester City	19	4	1	5	15	10	5	1	3	20	13	29		
Oldham Athletic	19	4	4	1	18	11	3	4	3	14	13	29		
Leeds United	19	4	4	2	13	9	3	4	2	10	9	29		
Shrewsbury Town	19	4	3	2	9	7	4	2	4	15	17	28		
Barnsley	19	3	5	1	16	12	3	3	4	11	13	26		
Blackburn Rovers	19	5	3	2	20	11	2	2	5	11	19	26		
Crystal Palace	19	5	3	1	16	8	1	4	5	7	15	25		
Carlisle United	19	6	1	3	25	17	1	3	5	13	22	25		
Chelsea	19	5	4	1	16	8	1	2	6	7	15	24		
Newcastle United	19	4	3	2	12	9	2	3	5	15	19	24		
Charlton Athletic	19	5	1	4	17	16	2	2	5	11	23	24		
Rotherham United	19	3	3	3	9	12	2	4	4	13	18	22		
Middlesbrough	19	4	1	4	13	20	1	5	4	9	19	21		
Bolton Wanderers	19	4	1	4	16	15	0	4	6	3	13	17		
Cambridge United	20	4	4	2	15	13	0	1	9	6	20	17		
Burnley	19	3	2	4	14	14	1	1	8	13	24	15		
Derby County	19	2	5	3	10	14	0	4	5	8	16	15		

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date		Opponents	Goals
1982			FA
Sep	22	Preston N.E.	5 3
	29	Burnley	0 0
Oct	13	Nottingham Forest	0 3
	20	Chesterfield	4 1
Nov	2	Derby County	3 2
	8	Rotherham United	2 1
	16	Oldham Athletic	3 1
	24	Notts County	5 1
	30	Wigan	— P
Dec	8	Sunderland	1 1
	14	Manchester City	3 1
	20	Bradford City	
1983			
Jan	4	Chesterfield	
Dec	12	Derby County	
	19	Port Vale	
	26	Barnsley	
Feb	2	Middlesbrough	
	9	Preston N.E.	
	15	Rotherham United	
	23	Nottingham Forest	
Mar	1	Burnley	
	9	Port Vale	
	16	Barnsley	
	22	Middlesbrough	
	30	Notts County	
Apr	6	Oldham Athletic	
	13	Sunderland	
	20	Wigan	
	26	Bradford City	
May	4	Manchester City	

SECOND DIVISION STATISTICS

(Up to and including 11th December, 1982)

Team	Best Attendance	Average Attendance	Leading Goalscorer
Barnsley	21,530 v Leeds	12,915	Glavin 9
Blackburn R	14,421 v Newcastle	7,979	Garner 10
Bolton W	17,707 v Newcastle	7,542	Henry 5
Burnley	10,527 v Bolton	7,477	Hamilton 6
Cambridge U	8,124 v Chelsea	4,580	Reilly 7
Carlisle U	16,276 v Newcastle	6,718	Poskett 11
Charlton Ath	10,807 v Middlesbrough	7,086	Hales 6
Chelsea	25,358 v Leeds	13,388	Speedie 5
Crystal Palace	14,912 v Fulham	9,033	Mabbutt 8
Derby County	13,191 v Leicester	10,660	Dalziel
			Swindlehurst 4
Fulham	15,004 v Q.P.R.	9,318	Davies 14
Grimsby T	16,137 v Leeds	7,994	Drinkell 9
Leeds U	26,570 v Newcastle	16,440	Butterworth 6
Leicester C	17,341 v Sheffield W	11,423	Lineker 14
Middlesbrough	11,787 v Barnsley	7,882	Shearer 8
Newcastle U	36,185 v Q.P.R.	25,589	Keegan 11
Oldham	11,491 v Newcastle	5,751	Wyde 9
Q.P.R.	13,733 v Sheffield W	10,197	Allen 8
Rotherham	13,791 v Barnsley	9,610	Seasman, Fern, Moore 4
Sheffield W	29,050 v Leeds	19,125	Bannister 12
Shrewsbury	8,033 v Sheffield W	4,946	Petts 5
Wolves	16,377 v Rotherham	14,300	Eves 9

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A666/M62 (east) (Follow 'Leeds' Signs) to intersection 33, junction with A1 at Knottingley 57 miles
A1 north via Scotch Corner then A1(M)/A1 to Newcastle upon Tyne 151 miles
Newcastle United football ground is on the A696, Barrack Road. Entering Newcastle on the A1, continue along High Street, over the Tyne Bridge to a roundabout where you go straight ahead. At the next roundabout take second left into John Dobson Street then left into Northumberland Street. At mini roundabout (Haymarket) turn left into Percy Street, then right at roundabout into Gallowgate and on into Barrack Road. The football ground is on your right.

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Puzzle Page??

CLUB CLUE No. 13

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club.

THE WAY TO TRAIN MAINLY
IN EAST GERMANY

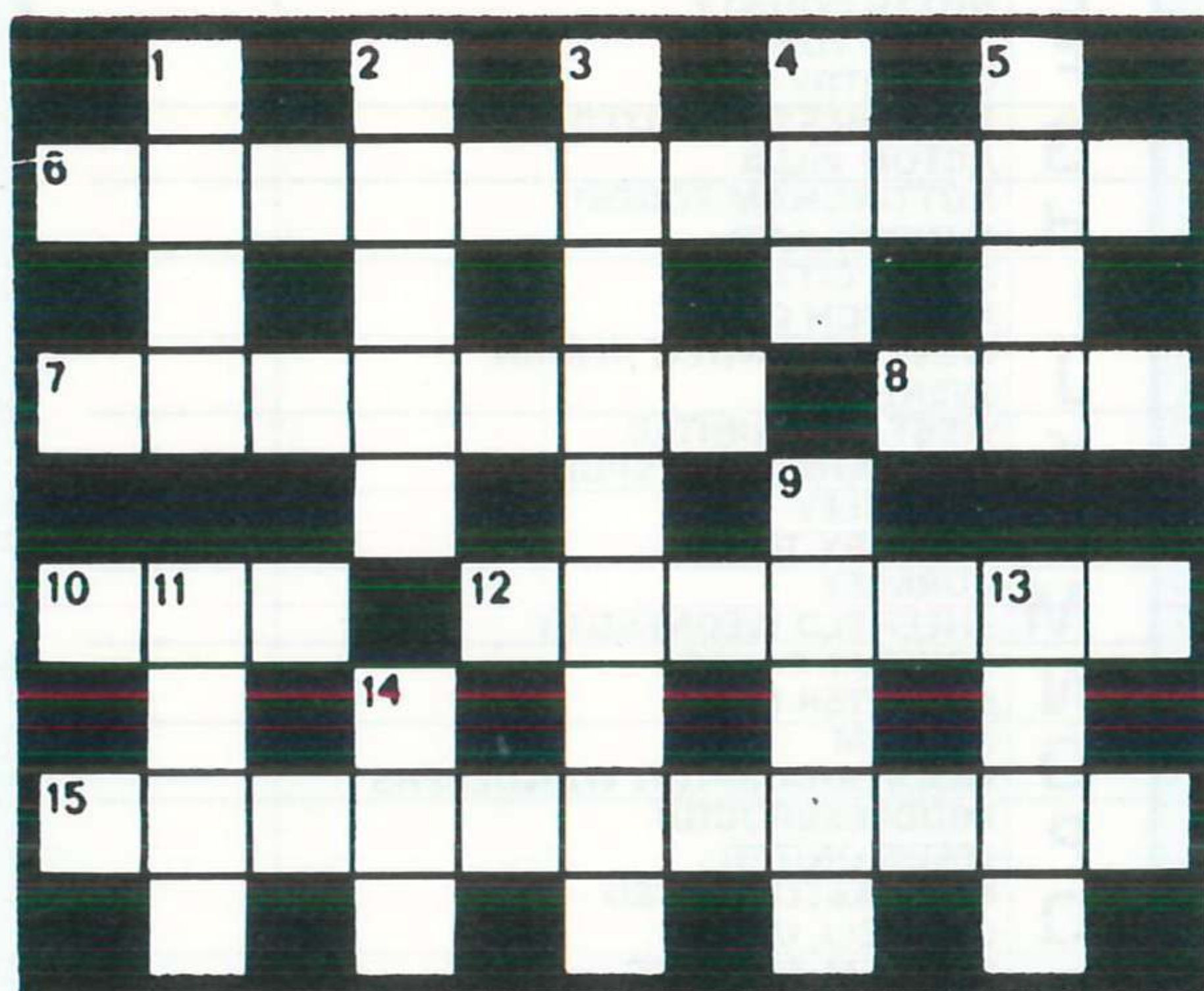
Answer to Club Clue No. 12: Real Mad-rid

QUIZ

1. Who was European Footballer of the Year before Kevin Keegan?
2. How many League goals were scored in the ten seasons completed up to 1982?
3. Which club won the Super Cup in its first two years?
4. Which club was relegated in 1982 for the first time in its fifty-year League history?
5. Flamengo is, of course, a famous Brazilian soccer club — but what was it originally formed for?

Answers to last week's Quiz: 1. No club has!; 2. Turin; 3. (John) O'Hare (Chicago); 4. Uli Stielike (West Germany/Real Madrid); 5. 7.32.

Crossword



MIXED DOUBLES No. 13

Re-order the letters in each of the words.

CLAY and NOTES

To find the names of
TWO MEN CALLED "JOHN"

Answers to Mixed Doubles No. 12: Ayre, Askew.

ON THE BALL No. 13

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

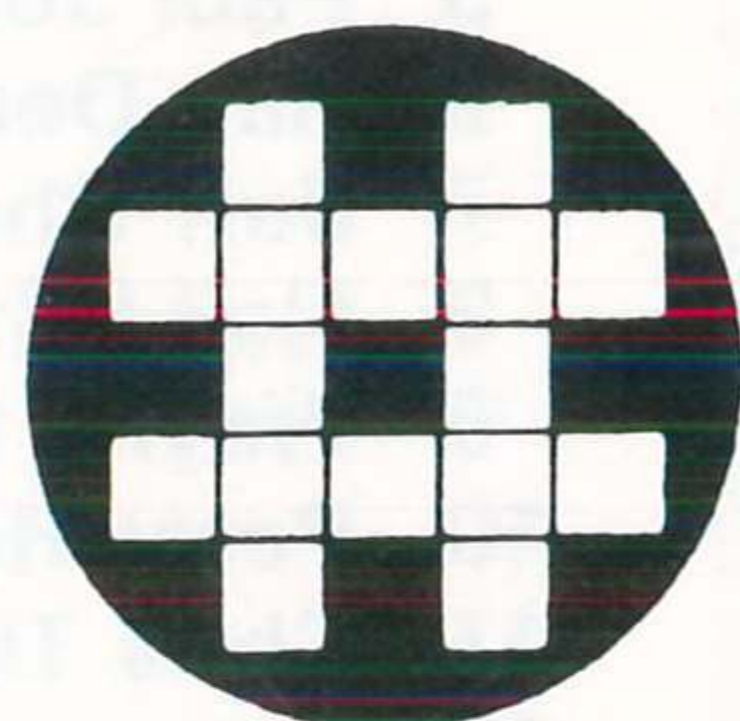
_____ Seacole

Division

Top scorer in 1982 World Cup

Armstrong, for instance

Answers to On The Ball No. 12: Kelly; plays; Wells; Lloyd.



Across

6. Centre-forward who holds Southampton's seasonal scoring record — altogether he hit around 150 in 300 games, the last few for Bournemouth (5,6)
- 8 & 7 Distinguished lineage for the likes of Sheffield United, Stoke and Sunderland (3,7)
10. A shaft of sunshine from Stewart? (3)
12. Midfielder who made his first appearance for Newcastle in 1979 (7)
15. Defender (who shares a name with a film and TV star) who served Mansfield in 1970-82 (5,6)

Down

1. Goalkeeper who got in 500 games for Bournemouth (first and last), Oldham, Ipswich and Portsmouth (4)
2. Godfrey's first name (5)
3. Brothers who were at Wembley with Manchester United when they last won the FA Cup (9)
4. Take the number from 2 down to find 12 across (3)
5. World-famous star whose autobiography was called *My Life And The Beautiful Game* (4)
9. Midfielder who notched his 100th League game for Shrewsbury last season (5)
11. Waldron or Walsh (4)
13. In 1976/77 Carlisle's Bobby _____ was loaned to Northampton and Workington . . . and all three clubs were relegated! (4)
14. Former Southampton and Walsall defender who sounds as if he could cook (3)

Answers to Crossword No. 12: Across: 1. Dyson; 5. See 12 across; 6. Spence; 8. Fisher; 9. Ian Ure; 10. Cooper; 12 & 5ac. Turf Moor (Burnley); 13. Terry. Down: 1. Des; 2. Omniturf; 3. rosette; 4. deflect; 5. Musgrove; 7. Pegasus; 11. Roy.

BURNDEN STAND MATCH DAY TICKETS

Commencing with the match against Shrewsbury Town, for a trial period, and subject to sufficient demand, it has been arranged that tickets for seats in the Burnden Stand will be on sale on the afternoons of Match Days at Burnden Stand turnstile No. 57.

Tickets will still be available at the Ticket Office for the Burnden Stand on Match Days, and also, two weeks prior to each home fixture, as with all other Stand Seat tickets.

TEAMS



Today's match ball
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Knowsley Street,
Bolton.**

BOLTON WANDERERS

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Steve Whitworth
- 3 Mike Bennett
- 4 Tony Henry
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Ray Deakin
- 7 Jeff Chandler
- 8 Neil Whatmore
- 9 Wayne Foster
- 10 Peter Reid
- 11 Chris Thompson
- 12

Today's Referee: BAKER, KENNETH W. (Rugby)

Commenced refereeing in 1959. Was appointed to the Football League line in 1967 and promoted to the Full List in 1970. Linesman in the Northern Ireland v Wales match (1975), also the Fulham v Birmingham City F.A. Cup Semi-Final Replay the same year.

Married, with four children, he is Security and Services Executive at the National Exhibition Centre. For 12 years he served with the Metropolitan and Warwickshire Police Force rising to the rank of Detective Inspector. Is President of the Rugby and District Referees' Association and Chairman of both the Rugby and District Junior League.



Linesmen: S. T. MARTIN and J. J. SHAWCROSS

Scoreboard

BLACKBURN ROVERS

- 1 Terrt Cernoe
- 2 Jim Branagan
- 3 Mick Rathbone
- 4 Colin Randell
- 5 David Mail
- 6 Derek Fazackerley
- 7 Ian Miller
- 8 David Hamilton
- 9 Norman Bell
- 10 Simon Garner
- 11 Noel Brotherston
- 12

A	ARSENAL	
	SWANSEA CITY	
B	BIRMINGHAM CITY	
	MANCHESTER CITY	
C	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	
	WATFORD	
D	IPSWICH TOWN	
	SOUTHAMPTON	
E	LIVERPOOL	
	NOTTS COUNTY	
F	LUTON TOWN	
	COVENTRY CITY	
G	MANCHESTER UNITED	
	ASTON VILLA	
H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	
	SUNDERLAND	
I	STOKE CITY	
	NORWICH CITY	
J	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	
	EVERTON	
K	WEST HAM UNITED	
	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	
L	BARNLEY	
	GRIMSBY TOWN	
M	BURNLEY	
	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	
N	CRYSTAL PALACE	
	LEICESTER CITY	
O	FULHAM	
	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	
P	MIDDLESBROUGH	
	LEEDS UNITED	
Q	NEWCASTLE UNITED	
	CARLISLE UNITED	
R	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	
	DERBY COUNTY	
S	ROTHERHAM UNITED	
	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	
T	SHREWSBURY TOWN	
	CHELSEA	
U	PRESTON NORTH END	
	WIGAN ATHLETIC	
V	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	
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W	HULL CITY	
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